

Mr. Allison. "No one has seen him around since the accident and I know that it was his intention to make an inspection of the building this afternoon."

MANY MIRACULOUS ESCAPES.

There were many miraculous escapes, among them that of Mrs. Minot Savage, wife of the Rev. Minot Savage. She was in the dining-room of the Hotel Patterson, a one-story extension. Seated next to her was a Mrs. Storrs, of Westchester. They were being waited on by Ernest Meyer, of No. 238 West Forty-eighth street, a waiter. The rear wall of the Darlington fell upon the dining-room. Mrs. Storrs was killed and Meyer was fatally injured. Mrs. Savage, warned by the noise of the collapse, was part way to the door when caught by the debris, but managed to drag herself out without suffering serious injury. Eleven of the guests of the Hotel Patterson were struck by flying bricks and girders while sitting in their rooms, facing the rear wall of the building that collapsed. Among these was Frank Dowden, who was removed to Roosevelt Hospital with a fractured skull.

FOREMAN IS ARRESTED.

James Halpin, of No. 797 East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in charge of the wrecked building for the Allison Realty Company, was on the fifth story when the building collapsed. He was found in the wreckage and arrested by order of Coroner Scholer. He said:

"How I ever got out alive I don't know. I heard a rumble and a roar and suddenly I was toppled over. Something hit me on the back of the head, I think. When I came to I was on the top of the pile."

"When I returned from lunch soon after the noon hour I felt a slight swaying of the building. I called the attention of several men to it, for it seemed to me like an earthquake. A short time after that the structure quivered again, and this time I stopped and shouted to Fred Mohn: 'Did you feel that?'"

"He answered: 'No.'"

"Roebeling was in charge of the steel works and the cement arches. I called to him again. He yelled back: 'I guess it's all right.'"

"Then the entire building swayed. There wasn't a boiler explosion, but I have a vague impression that there was an explosion after the building caved in."

The building was intended for an apartment hotel and had a frontage of 60 feet. It was being built by the Allison Realty Company. On account of the lightness of construction inspectors of the Building Department ordered the work stopped several days ago and extensive strengthening operations were in course of preparation.

In the meantime a force of forty men were engaged in fixing the arches for fireproofing the floors and walls. They were scattered from the ground floor to the top of the structure.

There was sufficient warning of the impending crash to enable those on the lower floors to escape. Engineer O'Hare, who was in the basement, heard the sound of the settling of the girders and supports, and just got outside when the whole mass of steel settled down with a report that was heard for a mile.

So complete was the collapse that the top of the pile of debris was level with what had been the second story.

Battalion Chief Gray was the first fireman on the spot. He carried out five injured men on his back and his firemen carried out ten more. They were all removed to the home of Mrs. Schiers, across the street, she throwing open her dining-room and drawing-rooms for a temporary hospital.

AMBULANCES CALLED FOR.

So great was the crowd attracted that the reserves from five precincts were summoned. Ambulances were called for from Roosevelt, Flower, Bellevue and St. Vincent's Hospitals. Father McGinty and Murphy hurried down from the Cathedral, and while Father McGinty ministered to the injured in Mrs. Schiers's home, Father Murphy crawled into the debris hunting for those who might need him.

Chief Croker took charge of the work of rescue as soon as he arrived. Three bodies were taken from the ruins within half an hour after the collapse. It is estimated that ten men escaped without injury.

The ambulances responding to the first calls were unable to take care of the wounded and additional calls were sent to J. Hood Wright and Gouverneur hospitals. All police stations in central Manhattan were ordered to hold reserves in readiness to proceed at once to the scene of the accident.

Those who were in the vicinity of the building when it collapsed say that the boiler used for power for the hoisting machinery exploded. This was denied by Engineer O'Hare.

CHIEF CROKER HELPS OUT.

Before trusting his men to make extended excavations in search of the lead and injured, Chief Croker directed that the west wall be pulled down. This was done, and it is believed that the pile of brick crushed one of the survivors, who had not been noticed by the rescuers.

Next door to the Darlington is the Craigie School, a private institution. The clerks were dismissed five minutes before the accident, and many of them were in the street in front of the building when the crash came. The upper floors of the Craigie School were demolished.

The firemen located three bodies that they could not reach, and found three men conscious, but buried under tons of debris and beyond hope of being saved alive. One of these men talked to the firemen. He said that he was pinned from breast down and didn't expect to live more than a few minutes.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

The cause of the accident is believed to have been a tremendous load of cement and cinders which was piled in the middle of the ninth floor. This material was used in the fire-proofing mixtures that was being put into the building by the Roebeling Construction Company. The accounts of the survivors indicate that the building collapsed in the middle of the ninth floor and that the load of cement and cinders carried down all the walls and floors.

The brown-stone dwellings at Nos. 61 and 63 West Forty-sixth street were made unsafe by the collapse of the big building alongside, and the families occupying them were ordered out by the firemen. How many men are buried under the mass of debris cannot be told until the last of it is removed. There are supposed to be a man and a boy in the wreck of the Hotel Patterson dining-room. Meyer, the waiter, says that he believes these two persons were in there at the time the wall crashed in on them.

When the extent of the damage done by the accident was realized by District-Attorney Jerome he sent Assistant District-Attorney Rand to the

JUDGE FITZSIMONS IS DEAD FROM PNEUMONIA

Chief of City Court Expires at His Home After a Brief Illness Which Resulted from a Sudden Cold.

Chief-Judge James M. Fitzsimons, Board. In 1890 he was appointed Judge of the City Court by Gov. Hill, to fill the unexpired term of Judge William F. Fitzsimons. The following year he was nominated for the office and elected. Again in 1895 he was elected to the office and in 1899 he was once more nominated to succeed himself. The Bar Association protested against the nomination, but Judge Fitzsimons was re-elected.

Judge Fitzsimons was taken ill last Thursday night. He had spent the evening with some friends and on his return home had a bad chill. The following day he was obliged to remain in his bed, and that evening he had a fully developed case of pneumonia. He was attended by Dr. Egan, of West One Hundred and Twentieth street.

Judge Fitzsimons was one of the best known figures in local politics. He was born in this city in 1855, had a public school education and then studied law in the office of James M. Smith. At the same time he attended the Columbia Law School, and when he was graduated from there was the youngest member of his class. He was elected Alderman from the Eighteenth District in 1888 and served as Vice-President of the

scene with instructions to make a searching investigation. Mr. Rand found a puzzling state of affairs.

"I'm all at sea," he confessed after he had been at work about an hour. "The Roebeling people tell me that they have sub-let their contract to various persons, but I cannot find any one willing to stand for the responsibility. There appears to be a great deal of confusion concerning just who was putting up this building."

ROEBELINGS DENY RESPONSIBILITY.

A. L. Himmelwright, manager of the Roebeling Construction Company, said this afternoon at his office in the Flatiron Building:

"The Allison Realty Company is the general contractor for the building. We have nothing to do with the mason work or the structural steel work of the building. We are simply the sub-contractors for the fire-proof floors between the steel beams."

The plans for the building were filed on May 8, 1903. The architects were Neville Bagge, of No. 217 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. According to the plans filed the owner is the Allison Realty Company, of No. 320 Broadway and No. 21 Park Row.

The plans provided for a structure with a frontage of 55 feet and a depth of 100 feet. Its twelve stories were to be 150 feet high and the total cost was estimated at \$350,000.

The inspectors of the iron work and masonry respectively for the Building Department were Charles Finch and John Peck.

Representing the Building Department on the scene to-day was Assistant Building Inspector John L. Jordan. With him were Thomas J. Dunn, who was in charge of the emergency corps, and Nicholas Revelle, known as a building expert.

Three complaints are on file in the Building Department against the building. The first was filed on Nov. 14, 1903, and related to weakness in the walls; the next, on Nov. 24, objected to the framing plans, and on Dec. 24 the Board of Building Inspectors ordered heavier girders where they supported walls.

THREE PLATOONS BLAMED.

There was a long delay in getting enough policemen to handle the crowds, and the three-platoon system is blamed. An hour after the accident there were not over fifteen policemen from the reserve force on the ground, the fire lines had not been fully formed and the firemen were hampered in their work by the uncontrolled crowds.

Not until ten police stations had been appealed to for reserves was there a force on hand sufficient for the emergency. Inspector McLaughlin, in whose district the accident occurred, did not appear until nearly three hours after the first alarm was given to the police.

Mrs. Storrs, who was killed in the Hotel Patterson, was about sixty years old. Her husband, Frank Storrs, is said to be travelling in Europe. She did not sustain any severe physical injuries and her cries for help attracted the attention of the first firemen and policemen to reach the scene.

They worked with furious urgency to rescue her, and she was alive when they removed her from the ruins and carried her to the office of Dr. Horace Barclay in the Hotel Patterson. Mrs. Storrs had no broken bones and only superficial bruises. The doctor said she died from shock.

Frank Mohn, one of the imprisoned men, a foreman on the work, was rescued after three hours of labor on the part of the firemen. A flask of whiskey was handed him to sustain him while he was being dug out. He refused to drink it, saying that he had never taken a drink, and didn't intend to begin now.

Fireman McDermott and Dr. Blatchford, a young ambulance surgeon, risked their lives in rescuing Andrew Mara, one of the injured. Just as they dragged him away from the spot where he had been buried, a pile of debris slipped in and filled it up.

DEAD WITH A CORD ABOUT HIS NECK

Suicide Denied in Death of William A. Wright, Well-Known Insurance Man—Had Been Ill and Accounts Correct.

(Special to The Evening World.) HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., March 2.—William A. Wright, one of the prominent residents of Hempstead, L. I., was found dead at his country home here. He was secretary of the Phoenix Insurance Company and was one of the highest salaried and most responsible men of the city.

He occupied a fine country place on the macadam road and had a host of friends at Hempstead, where he and his family took part in many of the leading social events.

Wright was found dead by his housekeeper, who, when she went to call him this morning, found him dead. A cord was tied about his neck and fastened to a door hinge. The butler who answered the bell at the house stated that Mr. Wright had not committed suicide, but had been ill for some time and died suddenly.

At the Phoenix Insurance Company it was said that Mr. Wright had been ill some time. His accounts were declared absolutely correct.

AXDELIGHT SOLD FOR \$5,600. INDIANAPOLIS, March 2.—Axdelight, a trotter with a record of 2:11.4, owned by Paul Kuhn, of Terre Haute, Ind., was sold here to-day to R. G. Nelson, of Chicago, for \$5,600.

DICK SUCCEEDS HANNA. COLUMBUS, O., March 2.—Gen. Charles F. Dick was declared elected to the United States Senate to-day at the conclusion of the joint ballot of the two houses for both the short and long terms.

MISSOURIANS IN CONGRESS MIX-UP

Representatives Cochran and Hunt "Square Off" for a Go as Finish to Row Over District-Attorney Folk.

CANDIDACY OF REFORMER FOR GOVERNOR THE ISSUE.

Clash Was in Cloak-Room, and Exchange of Blows Was Prevented by Champ Clark, Who Parted the Belligerents.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, March 2.—There was a row in the cloakroom of the House to-day in which Congressmen from Missouri almost came to blows. The trouble was over Prosecuting Attorney Folk, who is seeking the gubernatorial nomination on the Democratic ticket in Missouri and is opposed by the ring politicians because of his bribery prosecutions.

Representatives Cochran, Hunt, Shackelford, Benton and Clark were present during the clash.

"If Folk is not elected it will be because of the acts of the dishonest Democratic Caucus," declared Representative Cochran. "It will be like the way the majority nomination and counted him in for the election."

"This thing has gone far enough," said Representative Hunt, of St. Louis, "and you've got to stop it."

"I won't stop, and you nor any other man can make me when I'm telling the truth," Mr. Cochran said. "The House was called to order at this moment and no further trouble occurred."

THREE DEAD FROM WOOD ALCOHOL

Soldiers at Port Terry, on Plum Island, Drank Stuff They Got in Barber Shop—Two Others Will Die.

NEW LONDON, Conn., March 2.—Three dead and two dying at Port Terry, Plum Island, at the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound, is the result of a debauch among a small party of soldiers from the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Company, Coast Artillery, United States Army.

The men were poisoned by drinking wood alcohol.

The death of the death of the men was brought here to-day by soldiers from the island, and an order has been given to a local undertaker to go to the fort for the bodies.

The dead man is Corporal O'Brien, and Privates O'Connor and Reynolds. Those who are considered likely to die are George Walsh and Harrison. It is said that the men broke into the barber shop Monday night and secured a bottle of wood alcohol from its contents. One of the men died Tuesday, another last night and the third this morning.

YACHT RING KING IS SAFE.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 2.—A. E. Fowler's steam yacht, the Earl King, has arrived here in all and confined to his room here. The physician do not believe that Fowler's illness is serious, but he will be kept quiet for several days.

SECRETARY DOVER ILL. CLEVELAND, March 2.—Elmer Doer, Secretary of the Republican National Committee, is ill and confined to his room here. The physician do not believe that Doer's illness is serious, but he will be kept quiet for several days.

FOUND WITH SKULL CRUSHED. Edward B. White, colored, who, according to his wife, Lillie, has been employed as a messenger for Charles M. Schwab, was found unconscious at the bottom of an arched way below the stoop of his house at No. 384 West Fifty-third street last night. The whole right side of his head crushed in. He was taken to Roosevelt Hospital. It is thought possible that he was hurt in a fall. He wore a diamond stud, a diamond and two ruby rings, a handsome gold watch and had \$6 in his pockets.

A Big Step Toward health is made by Grape-Nuts the scientifically perfect food.

26-inch for Women; in black, blue, green and red, handles of pearl and silver, ivory and silver, silver caps, natural wood silver trimmed and imported gun-metal.

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BANK OFFICERS DECLARED GUILTY

Twining and Cornell, of the Monmouth Trust Company, of Asbury Park, Were Accused of Presenting False Minutes.

FREEDHOLD, N. J., March 2.—Albert C. Twining and David C. Cornell, President and Treasurer, respectively, of the defunct Monmouth Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Asbury Park, were this afternoon declared guilty by a jury of irregular doings in connection with the company's affairs.

They were charged with presenting false minutes at a meeting of the company. The case was heard by Judge Healey, sitting in the court here. No witnesses were called in the defense of the prisoners. Their lawyers attacking the indictment and holding that no evidence had been presented on which the men could be convicted. The jury was out an hour.

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You Need No Other Medicine. Duffy's Pure Malt Whisky prevents and cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, catarrh, grip, pneumonia, consumption, influenza, and lung troubles; indigestion, dyspepsia, sour stomach, gastritis, belching and all stomach diseases, heart troubles, malaria and all low fevers.

It builds up new tissues, tones up the heart, invigorates the brain, quiets the nerves and strengthens the muscles; it kills disease germs of every description, purifies the blood and cleanses the entire system. It keeps the old young and makes the young strong.

MR. W. B. WILSON, Brother of Francis Wilson, the Famous Actor, Says: "Duffy's Pure Malt Whisky Saved My Life."

"I cheerfully recommend Duffy's Pure Malt Whisky to all who are suffering from any disease that has brought about a weakening of the system. It saved my life. When I started using it I was a weakling and weighed 135 pounds; now I tip the scales at 220 and am strong, robust and healthy."

From the first dose I began to feel better, color came to my cheeks, my skin became elastic and I never felt better in my life. I firmly believe that had it not been for Duffy's Pure Malt Whisky I should now be in my grave."

Made My Wife Strong. "My wife was sickly and pale and weighed less than 100 pounds. Nothing seemed to do her any good, but, thanks to Duffy's Pure Malt Whisky, she is now in perfect health and weighs 150 pounds. We

BODY WASHED ASHORE.

G. F. Altz, Who Disappeared Jan. 5, Discovered Drowned. The body of G. Frederick Altz, of No. 358 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, was washed ashore to-day on the New York beach, Staten Island. Altz left his home on Jan. 5 and all efforts of police and friends to locate him proved unavailing.

He was a salesman in a pattern house in Twenty-third street, near Sixth avenue. On the above mentioned date he left his home, telling his mother that he would be back for dinner. He never returned.

Altz was twenty-nine years old. The body bore no marks of violence, although in one of his pockets were found a razor and a revolver. His clothes were in good condition. His mother can give no reason either for a suicidal death or for his disappearance. She says her son was a good spirit, although at the time he left home he said that he did not feel well.

DR. DELAFIELD IMPROVING.

Dr. Francis Delafield, the well-known physician and medical author, who is a victim of pneumonia, is reported to be much improved, although by no means out of danger. His attending physician, Dr. Walter B. James, says that the patient gave a most comfortable night and that he has hope for Dr. Delafield's recovery.

Special in Silks and Dress Goods

for Thursday and Friday:—8,000 yds. 21-inch Reliable Black Dress Taffeta Silks

at 50c. a yd.,

the regular price of this quality is 75c. a yd. None sold at wholesale.

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These Messalines are all-silk taffetas without the dressing. Thus the soft finish lends itself admirably to waists and dresses. They are 20 inches wide, and come in light blue, navy, cardinal, maize, royal, navy, rose, champagne, castor and cream tints, and white and black. The right price of these is 49c. per yard. Thursday, SPECIAL, yard, 29c.

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Armour's boneless jowl bacon, mild and sugar cured, each strip wrapped in clean parchment paper, weight about 2 1/2 pounds, sold regularly at 14c., special for THURSDAY 10c. ONLY, pound, 10c.

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DIED. REGAN.—On Feb. 29, 1904, NELLIE REGAN, aged 30 years 10 months, beloved wife of Denis J. Regan.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral Thursday, March 3, from her late residence, 1489 Amsterdam av., at 10 o'clock, to the Church, at 10 A. M., where a solemn high mass will be offered for the repose of her soul. Interment in Calvary.

Laundry Wants—Female. STARCHERS on shirts & collars. Steam laundry, 511 W. 51st st.

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